

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9803  
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT  
USINT CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR LY XF

SUBJECT: QADHAFI RE- EMERGES; ARAFAT' S TRAVELS

1. AFTER SEVEN OR EIGHT DAY DISAPPEARANCE FROM MEDIA  
PURVIEW, RCC CHAIRMAN QADHAFI WAS REPORTED MARCH 14 TO  
HAVE RECEIVED SAME EVENING TWO AFRICAN VISITORS ( CONGO' S  
FONMIN AND " POLITBUREAU MEMBER" HENRI LOPEZ AND OAU  
ADMINISTRATIVE SYG NZO EKANGAKI) AT RCC HEADQUARTERS  
AT AZIZIYA BARRACKS, TRIPOLI. EARLIER, SPECULATION  
ABOUT QADHAFI' S WHEREABOUTS AND REASONS FOR OFFICIAL  
SILENCE ABOUT HIM HAD BEEN FUELED BY HIS MISSING FINAL  
MEETINGS OF ARAB INTELLECTUALS AND ARAB TEACHERS, TWO  
FORUMS HE WOULD ORDINARILY APPEAR BEFORE WITH ALACRITY.

2. MEANWHILE, ACCORDING TUNIS AND CAIRO MEDIA, PLO' S  
YASSIR ARAFAT TRANSITTED CAIRO MARCH 13 EN ROUTE TO  
BEIRUT " FROM TRIPOLI". TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO REPEAT  
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NO MENTION IN LOCAL MEDIA OF ARAFAT VISIT HERE.

3. COMMENT: AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, QADHAFI HAS FREQUENTLY IN PAST DROPPED FROM SIGHT FOR PERIODS OF UP TO TWO WEEKS OR SO. ABSENCE OF LOCAL RUMORS/ REPORTS HE ILL, HAVING SPAT WITH RCC COLLEAGUES, TRAVELLING ABROAD, ETC., COUPLED WITH ARAFAT VISIT SUGGEST TO US THAT THEY MAY HAVE BEEN HUDDLING HERE ( OR ELSEWHERE) IN ORDER TO SORT OUT LARG- PLO RELATIONSHIP WHICH WE KNOW FROM REPORTS IN OTHER CHANNELS HAD BECOME SOMEWHAT FRAYED. WE ADD TO THIS SPECULATION THE FURTHER THOUGHT THAT SINCE THE QADHAFI- ARAFAT MEETING ( IF INDEED MEETING TOOK PLACE) FOLLOWED THE KHARTOUM MURDERS, IT COULD REPEAT COULD RELATE TO FATAH/ BSO " PROVING" IN SUDAN ITS " CAPABILITIES".  
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